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In re Application of:

Nabors, et al.

Application No.: 09/188,863

Filed: November 9, 1998

For: A System and Related Methods Facilitating
the Identification and Purchase of a Product
Over a Data Network

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This response is presented to the Office Action mailed **March 8, 2002**. In light of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the above captioned application is respectfully requested.

Currently Pending Claims:

1. (Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

receiving a set of product attributes denoting a customer's desired product configuration;
automatically transmitting an automatically prepared request for quote (RFQ) to an automatically selected set of sellers, the RFQ including at least a subset of the received set of product attributes; and

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